## **ABSTRACT**

## Device and method for laying rigid tubular pipes

The invention relates to a device for laying pipes from a laying vessel, the said pipes being designed to convey a fluid within. The said device comprises lower retaining means designed to retain a pipe and lower securing means designed to support the said retaining means, upper retaining means being designed to retain the said pipe and being able to move translationally with respect to the said lower retaining means. The said retaining means (24, 36) are designed to retain the said pipe (18) from the inside, and the said device additionally comprises upper securing means (22) to which the said lower retaining means (24) can be coupled through a pipe section (16) to be connected in order to release the said lower securing means (20) and in order to secure thereto the said upper retaining means (36) after the said section (16) has been connected and submerged.

(Figure 3)

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